

104TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2844

To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the President to issue loan guarantees for economic development and job creation activities in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mr. MANTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LOAN GUARANTEES TO IRELAND PROGRAM.**

4 The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by
5 inserting after section 226 the following:

6 **“SEC. 227. LOAN GUARANTEES TO IRELAND PROGRAM.**

7 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—During the period beginning
8 on October 1, 1996, and ending on September 30, 2001,

1 the President is authorized to issue guarantees assuring
2 against losses incurred in connection with loans to Ireland
3 and to the United Kingdom to promote economic develop-
4 ment and job creation activities in the Republic of Ireland,
5 especially in, but not limited to, the 6 border counties of
6 the Republic of Ireland, and in the 6 counties of Northern
7 Ireland.

8 “(b) AMOUNT OF GUARANTEES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), the total principal amount of guarantees
11 which may be issued by the President under sub-
12 section (a) shall be up to \$1,000,000,000, which
13 may be issued as follows:

14 “(A) In fiscal year 1997, up to
15 \$200,000,000 may be issued on October 1,
16 1996 or thereafter.

17 “(B) In each of the fiscal years 1998
18 through 2001, up to \$200,000,000 in each such
19 fiscal year may be issued on October 1 of each
20 such fiscal year or thereafter.

21 “(2) EXCEPTION.—If less than the full amount
22 of guarantees authorized to be made available in a
23 fiscal year pursuant to paragraph (1) is issued dur-
24 ing that fiscal year, the authority to issue the bal-
25 ance of such guarantees shall be available to any

1 subsequent fiscal year ending on or before Septem-
2 ber 30, 2002.

3 “(c) NOTIFICATION OF CONGRESS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
5 1 of each fiscal year during the period in which the
6 President is authorized to issue guarantees under
7 subsection (a), the President shall notify the appro-
8 priate congressional committees in writing of the in-
9 tentions of the President regarding the exercise of
10 that authority for the fiscal year beginning on Octo-
11 ber 1 of that year, including a statement of the total
12 principal amount of guarantees, if any, that the
13 President proposes to issue for that fiscal year.

14 “(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
15 TEES DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection,
16 the term ‘appropriate congressional committees’
17 means—

18 “(A) the Committee on Appropriations and
19 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
20 ate; and

21 “(B) the Committee on Appropriations and
22 the Committee on International Relations of the
23 House of Representatives.

24 “(d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
2 graph (2), the President shall determine the terms
3 and conditions for issuing guarantees under this sec-
4 tion.

5 “(2) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—
6 The following terms and conditions shall apply to
7 guarantees issued under this section in the same
8 manner as such terms and conditions apply to guar-
9 antees issued under section 226 (relating to the loan
10 guarantees to Israel program):

11 “(A) The limitation on the amount of
12 guarantees under section 226(d).

13 “(B) The requirements relating to fees
14 under—

15 “(i) the first, second, third, and fifth
16 sentences of paragraph (1) of section
17 226(e); and

18 “(ii) paragraph (2) of section 226(e).

19 “(C) The authority to suspend or termi-
20 nate the provision of all or part of additional
21 loan guarantees under section 226(f).

22 “(D) Procedures for the suspension or ter-
23 mination of the provision of all or part of addi-
24 tional loan guarantees under section 226(g).

1 “(E) The applicability of certain provisions
2 under section 223, as described under section
3 226(l).

4 “(F) The amount and other terms of guar-
5 antees described under section 226(m).

6 “(e) REPORTS.—Not later than December 31 of each
7 fiscal year during the period in which the President is au-
8 thorized to issue guarantees under subsection (a), and not
9 later than December 31 of each of the fiscal years 2002
10 and 2003, the President shall prepare and transmit to the
11 Congress a report regarding the implementation of this
12 section.”.

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